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AID CONSULTATIVE GROUP

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1. FYI: IN ADDITION TO THE DEMARCHES DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL,
THE SECRETARY ALSO DECIDED THAT WE SHOULD QUOTE DRAG OUR
FEET UNQUOTE ON THE ISSUE OF ANY AID DONOR CONSULTATIVE
GROUP FOR BURMA. ACCORDINGLY, WHILE WE WOULD PROBABLY
ACCEPT INVITATIONS TO PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS OF THIS
TOPIC, WE WOULD AVOID ANY COMMITMENT TO ACTIVE PARTICI-
PATION. END FYI.

2. WHILE AVOIDING ANY INITIATIVES OR FURTHER DEMARCHES,
YOU MAY RESPOND TO ANY GUB INQUIRIES ABOUT AID, WITHOUT
MAKING DIRECT CONNECTION TO ABOVE DECISION, ALONG THE
FOLLOWING LINES: EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC REFORM IS A NECES-
SARY PRECONDITION EVEN TO PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF

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ACTIVE USG PARTICIPATION IN AN AID CONSULTATIVE GROUP.

MOREOVER, THE TREND IS TO REDUCE EXISTING AID PROGRAMS
AND DISCOURAGE NEW COMMITMENTS OF ANY KIND. IN ADDITION,
THE ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO US

OF COUNTRIES REQUESTING AID MUST BE WEIGHED CAREFULLY
BEFORE THE USG DETERMINES WHICH PROPOSALS TO SPONSOR.
THE GUB SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE RECENT BURMESE
STANCE IN THE UN ON AN ISSUE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO
US IS AMONG THE FACTORS THAT HAVE DISCOURAGED US FROM
SUCH SPONSORSHIP. INGERSOLL

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